THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (KUMARI MAMATA BANERJEE):

Year-wise allocation for Kumarghat-Agartala rail line project since 1996 is as under:

Year	Allocation (Rs. in crores)
1996-97	0.06
1997-98	5.56
1998-99	18.08
1999-2000	40.00
Total	63.70*
Allocation during 2000-01	40.00
Grand Total	**103.70**

*This figure is as given in the Budget 2000-01 under the column "outlay expected up to end of 1999-2000", and comprises the budget allocation of 1999-2000 and actual expenditure for the earlier years.

Recurrence of Malaria

*380. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA:
DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Malaraia cases have started rising in the recent years, after its eradication in the past;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to eradicate Malaria from the country?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C.P. THAKUR): (a) and (b) No, Sir. With the launching of Modified Plan of Operations (MPO) for control of Malaria since April, 1977, the incidence of the disease was brought down to 2.18 million cases in 1984 against 6.47 million cases recorded in 1976. Since then the incidence of Malaria has been contained between 2-3 million cases annually. There has been a declining trend in incidence of Malaria since 1997.

(c) Steps taken for containment of Malaria include:—

* Intensification of early detection and prompt treatment of Malaria including treatment of complicated cases by newer drugs.

* Intensification of vector control measures through prioritization of areas for selective spray with appropriate insecticides and alternative and integrated vector control methods.

* Introduction of newer insecticides like Synthetic Pyrethroids for selective use as per technical requirements.

* Intensification of Information Education and Communication (IEC) activities for public awareness and community participation.

* Institutional and management capacity building, manpower development through intensive re-orientation training programmes at all levels and efficient Management Information System (MIS).

* Implementation of an enhanced Malaria Control Project (EMCP) with World Bank support under the National Anti Malaria Programme (NAMP) since September, 1997, covering 1045 primary Health Centres (PHCs) in 100 predominantly tribal highly Malaria-endemic districts of 7 peninsular States, namely, Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Orissa, Gujarat, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan and 19 cities/towns having high endemicity of malaria in these States and the States of Karnataka, Tamil Nadu and West Bengal, for intensification of Malaria Control activities by way of additional inputs through a mix of interventions.

* Providing 100% Central assistance to the 7 North Eastern States since December, 1994 under NMEP.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Overseas Urea Projects

2791. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state: